

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
USSN: 09/986,332

REMARKS

Claims 208-239 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 221-233 were withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. This Amendment amends claims 208, 217, 221, and 225, adds claims 234-239, and cancels claim 1. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for initialing the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 18, 2003. **Applicants respectfully request an initialed copy of the Forms PTO-1449 filed November 8, 2001, to confirm that the Examiner has considered the listed documents.** Additionally, a new Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

The claims were all rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 208-213, 215 and 217-220 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over WO 97/11518 to Tanaka *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent 5,239,188 to Takeuchi *et al.* Claims 214 and 26 were rejected as unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Takeuchi, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,679,152 to Tischler *et al.*

Applicants have amended independent claims 208 and 217 to recite an off-angled major surface from the horizontal plane, and added new dependent claims 234-239. No new matter is added. For the Examiner's convenience, exemplary support can be found at page 18, line 24 to page 20, line 4. Applicants believe that the amended and added claims each distinguish over the cited references.

As illustrated in the passage on pages 18 to 20, employing an off-angled major surface achieves fewer crystal defects. In addition, although not specifically explained in the original

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disclosure, it helps improve the surface morphology of the substrate. Applicants submit that the advantageous of the claimed structures are not disclosed in the cited references.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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